



Center for Talent Development

The Cooke Young Scholars Program

Upcoming Scholarship Application Workshops

The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective, five-year, precollege scholarship for high-performing 7th graders with financial need. Join Tammie Stewart, program outreach manager, for this free workshop, which will provide specifics about the program and help you begin your application.

The workshop will answer specific questions about the scholarship, review the application sections (parent section, student section, recommendations required, essay), and how to start the application process. The goal of the workshop is to help families prepare to complete and submit an on-time application.

To learn more information about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation or the Young Scholars Program, please contact Tammie Stewart at Tammie-stewart@northwestern.edu.

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CTD and JKC Overview Dates

- Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. (Central)
- Tuesday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. (Central)
- Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m. (Central)

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- Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. (Central)
- Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 p.m. (Central)
- Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. (Central)
- Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 p.m. (Central)
- Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m. (Central)

All workshops will be held online over Zoom and registration is required. Please visit our website for more information.

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Workshop Details

What is the scholarship?

The **Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars** program provides academic and college advising as well as financial and academic support for enrichment opportunities throughout high school. Beginning at the end of 8th grade, Cooke Young Scholars:

- Participate in high-quality academic and extracurricular opportunities in their local community, on college campuses, and around the globe.
- Develop their knowledge, talents, and leadership skills to be significant contributors.
- Set and reach academic and talent goals that will prepare them to be competitive, well-informed applicants for our nation's best colleges and universities.

Who qualifies for this scholarship?

To be considered for the Young Scholars Program, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Grade level:** Currently in 7th grade and/or entering 8th grade in the fall of 2024.
- **Academics:** Earned all As and Bs in core academic subjects since beginning of 6th grade.
- **Income:** Demonstrate unmet financial need with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$95,000.
- **Location:** Permanently reside in the United States and plan to attend high school in the U.S.

Why come to the workshop?

The workshop will answer specific questions about the scholarship, review the application sections (parent, student, recommendations, essay) and the entire application process. The goal is to help families prepare to complete and submit an on-time application.



Young Scholars Program

Application Open | **Apply Online**
February 8, 2024 - May 9, 2024 | <https://www.jkcf.org/>

The Program Experience

The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. Educational advisers help Cooke Young Scholars maximize the high school experience and prepare to thrive at the nation's top colleges. Our programming and support includes:

- Identifying an appropriately rigorous high school.
- Engaging in four-year planning and goal-setting.
- Funding for academic and extracurricular opportunities, such as music and art lessons; supplemental academic classes; and technology.
- Annual summer programs, including two required Cooke Young Scholar events.
- Year-round interaction and networking with a community of high-achieving peers.

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Who We Select

Young Scholars are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Grade level** – Currently in seventh grade during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- **Academics** – Since the beginning of 6th grade, earned grades of all or mostly A's in school, with no C's or below in core academic subjects.
- **Financial Need** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. The 2021 cohort of new Young Scholars had a median family income of approximately \$40,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.
- **Location** – Reside in the U.S. or a U.S. territory and plan to attend high school in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. (U.S. citizenship not required.)

Cooke Scholars come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities. Many Scholars are the first in their families to pursue higher education.